



Can't You Hear Me Calling?



A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher has a buzzy, steady, one section song.

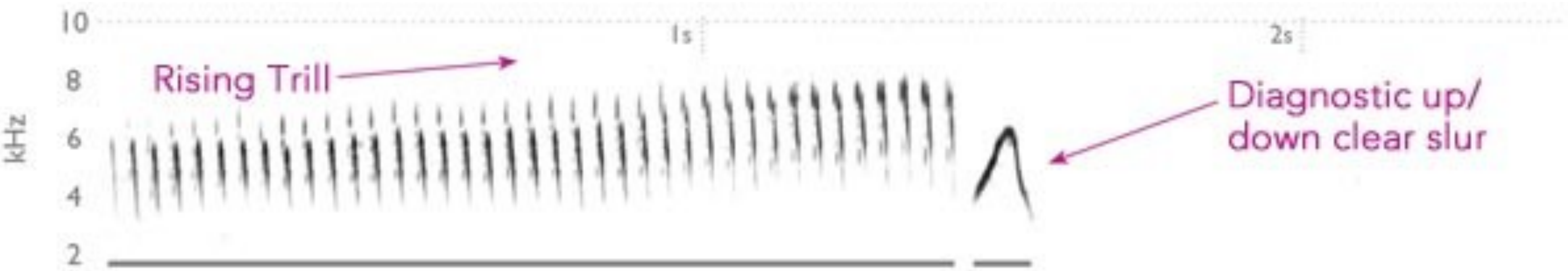
In Congaree, the canopy is so thick it's hard to spot birds. That's where birding by sound comes in — the visual representation of that is a spectrogram. Three tips to help you with birding by sound is to pay attention to the sound quality, pitch trend, and sections of the song. The sound quality plays a large role in determining the species singing. Sound quality can be buzzy, clear, or trilled. Pitch trend is whether the song is rising, falling, steady, or variable. Lastly, sections are when the song is broken into different parts by listening for a change in pitch or speed.



The Northern Parula has a trilled, rising, two section song.

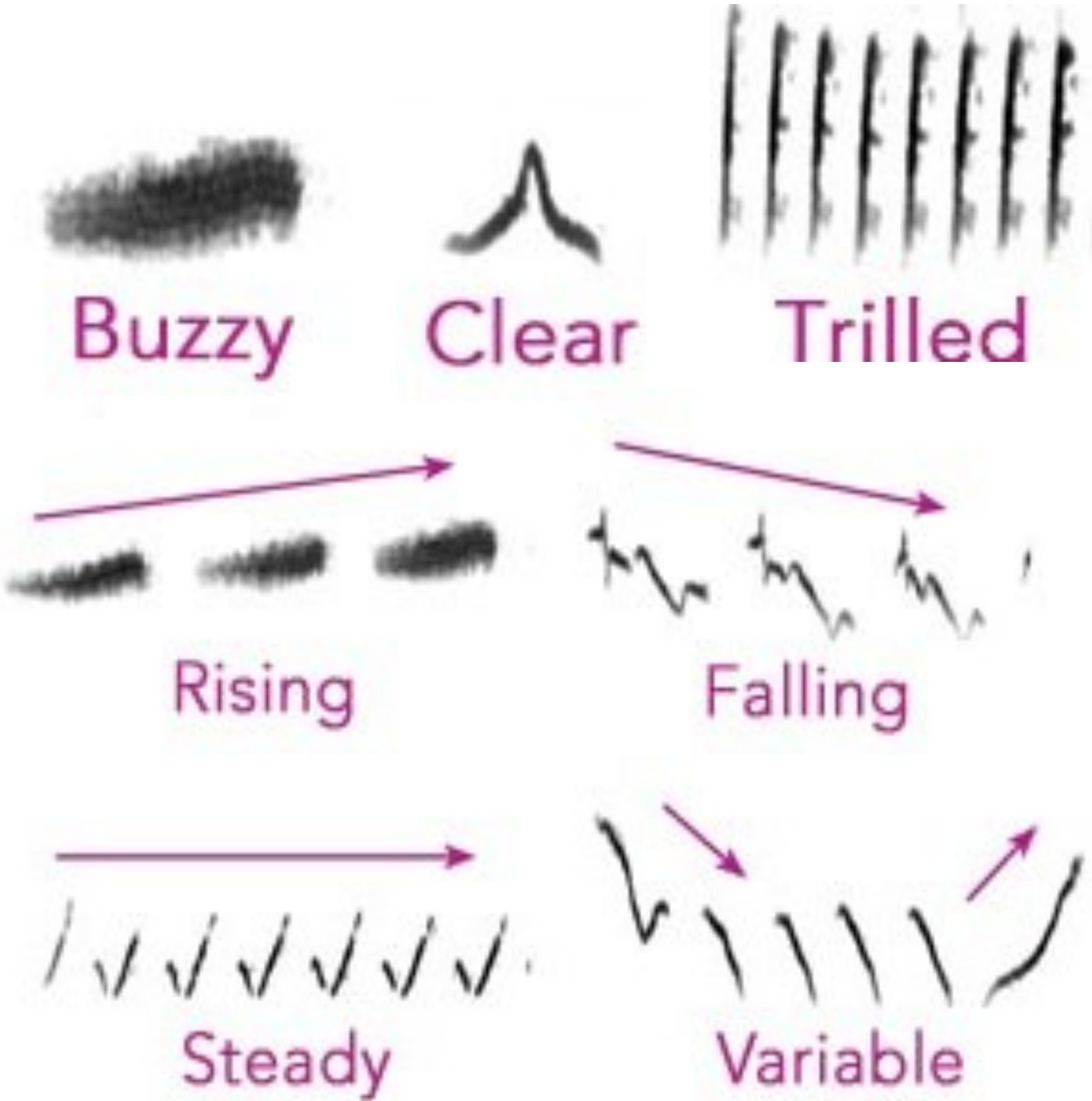


The Northern Cardinal has a clear, steady, two section song.



A Northern Parula's spectrogram.

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Variations in sound quality (above) and pitch trends (below).